

other citizens experience when they come to their Capitol—the opportunity to view memorials that commemorate the efforts of deceased local residents who have made significant contributions to American history,” Norton said.

TRIBUTE TO VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL AND THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I take this time to recognize Valparaiso High School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School for their involvement in the 23rd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament. Both schools took 11th place in their divisions at the National Science Olympiad competition held in Wichita, KS. Valparaiso High School won medals in four events by finishing among the top six for that event while finishing in the top 10 in 10 of the tournament's 23 events.

The Science Olympiad began when Dr. Gerard J. Putz, Regional Science Consultant for Macomb County Intermediate School District in Michigan, decided to share the Science Olympiad program with Macomb County educators on March 29, 1982. The invitation was prompted by an article published in *The Science Teacher* in December 1977. After a few successful tournaments, Dr. Putz was convinced to share the program with the rest of the Nation, so the Science Olympiad program was presented to the Council of State Science Supervisors at the National Science Teachers Conference in Boston in 1984.

The mission of the Science Olympiad is “to promote and improve student interest in science while improving the quality of K–12 science education throughout the nation.” The purpose is to bring science to life and show how it works, to emphasize problem solving aspects, and to understand all of its concepts. The Science Olympiad teaches teamwork and cooperative learning strategies and promotes high levels of achievement and a commitment to excellence.

The 2007 Science Olympiad team from Valparaiso High School consists of: Lani Rush, Laurel Peterson, Sonia Phadke, Kristin Engerer, Katie Mika, Kate Sanders, Ruth Sanders, Rocio Rodea, Melissa Barrie Lehman, Ajay Major, Pat Skelton, Jon Gold, Mak Hozo, Schuyler DeArmond, Jeff Rinkenberger, Joe Kaminski, Ethan Kruse, Evan Gootee, and Gianni Galbiati. This team was under the outstanding guidance of coaches: Jim Young, Kristen Philipchuck and Kelly Woods. Several of these students received medals for their outstanding achievement. In Ecology, Jon Gold and Laurel Peterson received fourth place medals. Evan Gootee and Ruth Sanders received fourth place in Robot Ramble. The fifth place medal awarded for Entomology was given to Jon Gold and Lani Rush. Also taking fifth place medals in the subject of Write It, Do It were Ethan Kruse and Kate Sanders.

The Thomas Jefferson Middle School Science Olympiad team of 2007 consists of: Kati Manning, Jon Sherrick, Joe Galbiati, Julia Young, Matt Kerner, Kathryn Dalzotto, Josh

Bartusch, Chris Haller, Karl Rinkenberger, Katalin Hartman, Alex Robinson-Norris, Maddie Woods, Katelyn Neis, Christian Briggs, and Jesse Bunche, as well as student alternates: Brian Kingsbury, Adam Alamillo, Roshni Dhoot, Bennet Sanders, Cam Haskett, Nick Hartmann, and Daniel Karr. Guiding these exceptional students were coaches: Richard Bender, Carol Haller, Bill Dalzotto, Gwenn Rinkenberger, Mary Faith Dalzotto, Becky Jurgens, Paul Huang, Lynda Galbiati, Diane Bernhardt, Molly Joll, Linda Cronk, and Mike Haller.

Several members of the Thomas Jefferson Middle School team were awarded medals for superior achievement. Kathryn Dalzotto and Katelyn Neis won third place in Anatomy. Kati Manning and Kathryn Dalzotto also took a third place medal for Wheeled Vehicle. A fourth place medal was awarded to Chris Haller and Karl Rinkenberger for their Balloon Launch Glider. For Mission Possible, Chris Haller, Kati Manning, and Katalin Hartman all took fifth place medals. Roads Scholar brought Jon Sherrick and Christian Briggs sixth place medals.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Valparaiso High School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School on their great achievement at the 23rd Annual Science Olympiad Tournament. I wish them continued success. These intelligent young students possess the work ethic and dedication that will make them successful leaders throughout their bright futures. I hope the rest of my colleagues will join with me in applauding the Science Olympiad teams for their commendable efforts.

TRIBUTE TO BILL WHITE

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud today to congratulate the Honorable Bill White, the distinguished mayor of my hometown of Houston, TX, on his receipt of the 2007 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

Mayor White, who has a long history of public service as mayor and, previously, as Deputy Secretary of Energy of the United States, earned this prestigious award because of his heroic work in assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, nearly 150,000 evacuees came to Houston to find temporary housing. Mayor White established numerous important programs following these hurricanes that gave evacuees the badly needed temporary assistance they needed to get back on their feet.

In September 2005, Mayor White established a program giving emergency prescriptions and free medication to evacuees who could not afford to purchase them on their own. Mayor White also helped establish the Houston Katrina/Rita Fund, which provided evacuees assistance with groceries, baby care products, and other necessities. The mayor also worked tirelessly with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a formalized housing program for evacuees and to transition tens of thousands of evacuees from hotel rooms to apartments.

All of the extraordinary work done by Mayor White and others helped get tens of thou-

sands of hurricane evacuees back on their feet. Already, many of the evacuees who stayed temporarily in Houston have returned to their permanent places of residence. Many of the 300,000 evacuees remaining in Houston are in the process of acquiring the stable employment and housing that will allow them to return home.

Without Mayor White's extraordinary leadership, the successful transition of untold thousands of victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita would not have been possible. Indeed, without his leadership, thousands of people would have been left temporarily homeless and many of the most vulnerable could have easily lost their lives.

In this situation, Mayor White's leadership was not without risk. Over the past 2 years, the mayor has frequently faced criticism for using the city's resources to help those who have come from the Gulf Coast in dire need of assistance. Yet, in the face of such risks, Mayor White has unflinchingly done what is just and right for those innocent victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award is one of the most prestigious honors that can be earned by our public servants. With his receipt of this award, Mayor White joins an extraordinary group of recipients that has included Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and several of my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. Congress. Mayor White's heroic actions in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita certainly merit his inclusion in this select group.

I applaud Mayor White and all of my fellow Houstonians for their terrific work in helping those victims of horrific natural disasters in their time of greatest need. I congratulate Mayor White on his receipt of the prestigious Profile in Courage Award, an award that is very well deserved.

BRADY CARTER WOODHOUSE MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brad Woodhouse formally of my staff and his wife Jessica on the birth of their first child, Master Brady Carter Woodhouse. Brady was born on May 23, 2007, and weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. Faye joins me in wishing Brad and Jessica great happiness upon this new addition to their family. A Raleigh native, Brad served as my Agriculture Legislative Assistant, Senior Legislative Assistant and press secretary and will always remain a member of Team Etheridge.

As a father and grandfather, I know the joy, pride, and excitement that parents experience upon the entrance of their child into the world. Representing hope, goodness, and innocence, a newborn allows those around him to see the world through his eyes as a new, fresh place with unending possibilities for the future. Through a child, one is able to recognize and appreciate the full potential of the human race. I know Brad and Jessica look forward to the changes and challenges that their new son will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the